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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TETSU FUKUDA, et al.)	
Application No.: 10/660,674	:	Group Art Unit: 2643
Filed: September 12, 2003	:	
For: RECEIVING APPARATUS AND RECEIVING METHOD	;	F-h17 2004
AND RECEIVING METHOD	:	February 17, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese document is enclosed.

U.S. Publication No. 2002/0051083 U.S. Publication No. 2002/0016964 Japan 2001-359073

Applicants also respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the following U.S. Applications:

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	GROUP ART UNIT	DOCKET NO.
10/679,334	October 7, 2003	N/Y/A	03560.003371.
09/579,532	May 26, 2000	2711	03500.014514.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for each of the foregoing U.S. Applications is enclosed.

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It is noted that the foregoing Japanese document is discussed in the

specification of the subject application and may be deemed relevant for the reasons given

therein. In addition, an English language abstract for the Japanese document has been

located and is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of

relevance for the Japanese document is believed to be satisfied by one of the English

abstract and the discussion provided in the specification. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the

merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety

and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the

claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this

information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449

and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

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